



AMENDMENT

Application #	09/367,496
Confirmation #	4418
Filing Date	November 24, 1999
First Inventor	AGUERA
Art Unit	1642
Examiner	Rawlings, Stephen L.
Docket #	P06473US0/BAS

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

S I R:

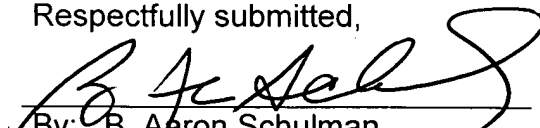
In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 2004, please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**, and please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** are reflected in the replacement paragraphs provided herewith in **Attachment B**, together with (1) a **Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821**, (2) a **copy of the Notice to Comply**, (3) a **paper copy of a substitute Sequence Listing** and (4) a **computer readable form of the sequence listing**.
- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment C**.

In view of the amendments made and the remarks provided, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: February 22, 2005


By: B. Aaron Schulman
Registration No.: 31877

STITES & HARBISON PLC ♦ 1199 North Fairfax St. ♦ Suite 900 ♦ Alexandria, VA 22314
TEL: 703-739-4900 ♦ FAX: 703-739-9577 ♦ EMAIL: iplaw@larsontaylor.com ♦ CUSTOMER NO. 000881